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At the end of October West German FDJ headquarters in Dusseldorf transmitted to the Laender of Western Germany a "Working Plan" which covers the activities of the organization for the entire period from November 1950 to May 1951, the time of the FDJ's constitution, the FDJ Parliament, its highest representative assembly, normally convenes every two years. The last Parliament met in Leipzig at Whitsuntide 1949 and elected the present Central Council (the Central Council directs the affairs of the FDJ in the period between parliaments); the next, the organization's Fourth Parliament, is scheduled for Whitsuntide 1951.

The FDJ leadership has evidently decided that this Parliament is to give a focus for the organization's activities during the coming months, as for example the Deutschlandtreffen was the focal point for the organization of all activities during the early months of this year and the abortive "Rally of the 100,000" schedule for October 1 was planned as the climax of activities in Western Germany during the June - September period. The Working Plan is therefore subtitled "Aufgebot zum 4. Parlament", "call" or "summons" to the "Fourth Parliament", or more freely translated, "plan for the campaign in preparation for the Fourth Parliament". The document has been translated and is appended in its entirety to this brief introduction, since it contains valuable and specific information on the plans of the FDJ for the coming months. The plan was reportedly worked

out at a recent meeting of the Central Bureau of the FDJ of Western Germany in Dusseldorf, probably the conference reported in the KPD's Socialistische Volkszeitung on November 9, 1950. This conference was again attended by Heinz LIPPmann of the FDJ Central Council in Berlin who undoubtedly sees that the work of the West German FDJ develops strictly along the lines laid down by the Sovzone FDJ leadership.

The document indicates that the FDJ will devote its particular attention in the coming months to (1) a membership drive and to strengthening the organization ideologically and structurally (specific instructions are given for training courses and for reviewing the work of the various organizational levels); (2) building up FDJ and "Peace Fighter" strength in industrial enterprises (this is treated with exceptional detail); and (3) building up the junior branch of the FDJ, the Young Pioneers (the aim: A Pioneer group in every locality where the FDJ is organized). It is also noteworthy that the effort to establish "action unity" with other youth elements is to be directed chiefly at the Falken, trade-union youth, and Evangelical youth. The plan seems to confirm information from other sources (see R & A No. 26, dated November 10, 1950) that the FDJ, chastened by the effective action of West German authorities in connection with its planned demonstrations on October 1, is not considering any violent action in the immediate future but is rather looking toward a period of consolidation which will give it an opportunity to recover and regroup and to achieve its recruiting aim, to become the "organization of the 100,000".

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Call to the Fourth Parliament

On the basis of the assignment of tasks determined in the resolution, the association [i.e., FDJ] will initiate a campaign in preparation for the Fourth Parliament and will set itself the following tasks in this campaign:

1. Develop mass actions by the young generation in the fight for peace.
 - a. Development of a broad mass movement of youth against remilitarization and against the hiring of mercenaries and police troops under the slogan "Without Us!"
 - b. Organization of Kreis Congresses of Young Peace Fighters on the broadest possible basis with the aim of organizing in all Kreises of Western Germany common actions against remilitarization under the slogan "Without Us!"
 - c. Carrying out of mass actions against production and transport of war materials and arms by concentrating work in large industrial plants, in ports and at transportation centers.
 - d. Organization of a broadly based reporting campaign by means of meetings, enlightenment actions, house-to-house agitation, and meetings in private rooms in order to popularize the resolutions of Prague and of the Second World Peace Congress with the aim of drawing the widest possible circles of youth into the world peace movement to outlaw all aggression and remilitarization.
 - e. Development of a broad protest movement against the persecution and suppression of the peace movement and against the arrest of our Peace Fighter friends. Organization of a great movement for the liberation of all young peace fighters.
 - f. Development of a great movement among youth to protest the release of Nazi war criminals like Darre, Flick and Fritsche, who have millions of human lives on their consciences.
2. Realization of the action unity of youth in the fight for peace.
Intensify the creation of committees of Young Peace Fighters.

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- a. Application of the inspiration derived from the Congress of Young Peace Fighters in Western Germany ^{1/} by helping to establish Committees of Young Peace Fighters in all localities where there are FDJ groups.
- b. Support of the founding of Committees of Young Peace Fighters in all major industrial plants, in ports, and in railroad enterprises, with the slogan "A Committee of Young Peace Fighters in Every Plant."
- c. Organizing of Kreis Congresses of Young Peace Fighters which are to include many representatives and members of other organizations.
- d. Organizing of discussion evenings, especially with the Falken ^{2/}, trade-union youth and Evangelical youth, to consider organization of the fight against remilitarization and a hiring army; also publication of many pamphlets, especially in order to unmask local preparations for war.

3. Fulfill the demands of the National Front of a Democratic Germany!

- a. Inclusion of greater numbers of young patriots in the Committees of the National Front of Democratic Germany.
- b. Development of a broad protest and aid action against the degrading terror practices of the Adenauer clique against upright German patriots and cooperation with the Committees for National Aid.
- c. Spreading of information on the development of the DDR through the organization of an extensive correspondence, exchange of many delegations especially in the field of sports activities, and preparation of concrete agitation and training material on the accomplishments of the DDR, the significance of the Five Year Plan and the viewpoint of the younger generation.

4. An FDJ plant group in every major industrial plant.

- a. Establishment of FDJ plant groups or FDJ strong points (Stützpunkte) in all major plants under the slogan "In every major plant an FDJ plant group."
- b. Working out of local programs ("Kampfprogramme") in the various plants on the basis of the burning demands of young workers for a thorough study of the situation of the boys and girls in the plant.

1. Dinslaken, October 8, 1950.

2. Falkons, SPD youth organization.

c. Development of a broad enlightenment action through meetings and through the distribution of leaflets in the plants where war material is produced, with the aim of hindering the production and unloading of war material.

d. Active work in the trade unions under the slogan "Every FDJ member an active trade unionist."

5. Let us realize our aim of an Association of the 100,000!

a. Recruiting of 3 members for each basic unit every month. The goal for January 1951, our "recruitment month", is to double the membership of every group.

b. Sub-division of old groups which have more than 30 members.

c. Creation of activist groups for recruiting (Werbeaktivs) in every group, and holding of special recruitment programs. Preparation of bulletin boards.

6. Every FDJ member increases his knowledge!

In order to be able to give proper daily guidance to the mass of youth in the fight for peace, systematic training is necessary on the magnitude of the danger of war, on the criminal role of American imperialism, on the growing strength of the peace movement under the leadership of the Soviet Union, on the role of the DDR, the Five Year Plan, and the fight for the National Front of Democratic Germany. This will require:

a. A two weeks training course for Kreis and Land secretariats.

b. Weekend training for a period of one month for the functionaries of all groups. The topic to be considered here will be membership training.

c. A one month's course of training for members.

d. The creation of recruiting groups and cultural groups in order to improve agitation work.

7. The harder the fight, the stronger the organization!

a. Creation of competent and complete leaderships (Leitungen) with careful selection of new functionaries, in accordance with the constitution of the FDJ.

- b. Regular monthly reporting according to a definite plan.
- c. Issuance of new membership books. The aim will be to give every member his membership book by December 1, 1950 and to issue membership books not later than 3 weeks after admission of a member.
- d. 100 percent collection of dues, using the 10-member group system for collection.
- e. Establishment of Pioneer groups in all localities where there are FDJ groups. Every basic FDJ unit must designate a capable member to be in charge of Pioneer activities.